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City Looking for Volunteers to Protect Urban Forest

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg's Department of Parks and Recreation is looking for individuals to volunteer as a Tree Steward.

Individuals interested in becoming a Tree Steward will need to first become trained and certified. Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation will be hosting classes to earn this certification.

Tree Stewards are dedicated in promoting and preserving the urban forest. This is a new program in Harrisonburg, which is something that only a few other cities are currently participating in.

The training will be held on Mondays from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and will run August 19 through October 21. The fee for this class is \$50 for City residents (\$60 for non-City residents), which will cover training materials, tools, and supplies. Expert guest speakers from various areas of Virginia will be presenting topics such as the biology of trees, tree life functions, planting and tree care, tree pruning and much more.

Certified Tree Stewards of Harrisonburg will be working with local agencies and existing projects to provide trained volunteers for assistance in making Harrisonburg and surrounding areas more beautiful. The focus is to enhance the overall environmental health of the area as trees are essential to the health of our community.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Gail Ham at 540-433-9168 or Gail.Ham@HarrisonburgVA.gov.

Additional information on Tree Stewards of Virginia can be found at www.treesvirginia.org.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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